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- 1. EMBASSY SHOULD INSERT FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IN LETTER TO BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT OUTLINED IN REF A.
- 2. PARA 2 OF LETTER. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH WERE ADDED TO GSP EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1978: TSUS 366.84 MATS AND COASTERS AND 365.84 PLANT HANGERS OF JUTE (PREVIOUS TSUS NUMBER 365.8260). TWO PRODUCTS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE LEFT PENDING. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE, HOWEVER, TO REVIEW THESE ITEMS DURING THE NEXT 90 DAYS. PENDING ITEMS ARE TSUS 361.2020 (PT) BRAIDED RUGS AND 380.0566 (PT) JUTE BELTS. I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THIS REVIEW LED TO A DECISION TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN THE DUTY STATUS OF SHOULDER BAGS OF JUTE (TSUS 706.2340 (PT). THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH

THIS CONCLUSION WAS REACHED ARE DESCRIBED BELOW.

- 3. PARA 4 OF LETTER. THE TPSC IN REVIEWING YOUR REQUEST TO MODIFY THE DUTY STATUS ON SHOULDER BAGS OF JUTE DETERMINED THAT JUTE SHOULDER BAGS COMPETE WITH SHOULDER BAGS OF OTHER MATERIALS WHICH ARE VERY IMPORT SENSITIVE AND THUS THIS ITEM COULD NOT BE ADDED TO GSP AT THIS TIME.
- 4. FYI OF ITEMS REQUESTED BY CARITAS BANGLADESH AND NOT REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENT (PARA 2 OF REF C) TSUS 386.08 AND 387.30 OTHER ITEMS OF VEGETABLE FIBERS ARE PENDING AND 706.20 WAS REJECTED FOR GSP. END FYI. VANCE

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